

# SMITH BUCKLEY ARCHITECTS

Design Review Advisory Committee

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Re: Delamar West Hartford – Cooling Tower

Dear Members of the Design Review Advisory Committee,

Delamar West Hartford has spent the last few weeks researching viable solutions to fabricate and install a partial screening structure that would cover the vents and equipment located on the east side of the cooling tower on the hotel roof. After many attempts we identified a solution that achieves the goal in the simplest and most efficient manner, keeping the look clean and less voluminous than any other alternatives considered.

Our recommended plan of action is to remove all non-essential equipment and accessories currently located on the east side of the cooling tower, leaving only the two fan motors which will be screened with a louvered sheet metal wrapper. Currently these fan motors appear at a distance as dark spots on the larger unit because their shape creates a deep recess and shadow. By "boxing them out" with a painted, louvered metal cover, they will present a more homogeneous picture.

These modifications will leave the east façade of the unit free of visual clutter and nearly identical to the other facades. Enclosed for your review are before-and-after images up close and at a distance.

DWH is extremely happy with this solution and hopes to discuss with the DRAC this week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'I.D. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Israel D. Smith  
Principal Architect